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SUBJECT: EIGHTH FAO REGIONAL CONFERENCE FOR AFRICA

FROM US DEL EIGHTH FAO REGIONAL CONFERENCE FOR AFRICA

1. SEVERAL DELEGATIONS LATE DUE TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS DELAYING CONFERENCE OPENING ONE DAY FOR LACK OF QUORUM. FEW COUNTRIES INCLUDING NEWEST MEMBER GUINEA BISSAU STILL NOT PRESENT, BUT MOST EXPECTED BY OPENING OF PLENARY AUGUST 12.

2. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE I CARRIED OUT STIMULATING DISCUSSION ON ITEMS 10 THROUGH 13 OF AGENDA. IN CONNECTION DISCUSSION ITEM 12, MEDIUM AND LONG TERM STRATEGIES OF DEVELOPMENT OF MARGINAL AREAS IN AFRICA, ALMOST ALL OF 29 DELEGATIONS PRESENT PARTICIPATED IN DISCUSSION. SEVERAL DELEGATIONS CITED POTENTIAL IMPORTANCE REMOTE SENSING BUT EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT WITH LACK OF INFORMATION THAT HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE. DELEGATE SIERRA LEONE SAID NO INFORMATION OBTAINED BY ERTO I HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO HIS COUNTRY. HE REQUESTED FAO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM TO OBTAIN AND MAKE INFORMATION UNCLASSIFIED

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AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED COUNTRIES. FAO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL

AND REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE MENSAH SET RECORD STRAIGHT
EXPLAINING INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AND FAO ALREADY HAS A
UNIT IN LAND AND WATER DEVELOPMENT DIVISION WORKING ON
REMOTE SENSING. MANHARD

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